

## A Day To Remember

According to a letter written by Mallinson Randall of Duxbury in 1934, a hurricane swept through Duxbury on Aug. 26, 1924, "a day which will long be remembered in these parts."

There was a continuous cloud-burst from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. "The road at Josselyn Ave. was half way to my knees in water. By

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noon the wind had risen to hurricane force and the barometer read 28.96, much lower than I have ever seen it . . . En route to the Cove to attend to the boat I found Lovers Lane mostly under water . . . I made my way to the Cove, opened the boathouse door which was promptly ripped from its hinges. The little dory was full to the top. The river was white with the foam and rain striking it." When Mr. Randall got into his dory the wind blew him ashore, where Fisher Ames was waiting for him. They saw uprooted trees as they walked along, wondering what had happened to Faneuil Adams and his party, who had left a few days earlier on a cruise around Provincetown to Long Island Sound. (A telegram came later saying the party were safe in Onset Harbor). The telephone and electric wires were down and one of Mr. Randall's poplar trees was

bent to "a dangerous angle."

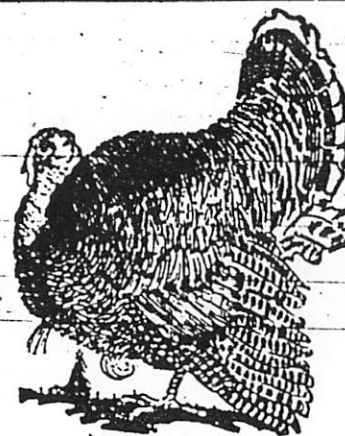
At about 5 p. m. the rain ceased and the wind diminished, though "it still blew in wild gusts. The night was clear and hundreds of people went out to the beach to see the surf."

The kitchen chimney at the Randall bungalow was blown down and a boathouse at the end of the Point was overturned. "Two of Burke's chestnut trees are uprooted. Our own front lawn was covered with large and small branches. The old pear tree on the line between us and the Cunningham's is gone. Trees are down all over the village, most of them uprooted. Nearly five inches of rain fell, and the wind blew 75 miles an hour. I could almost lean against it."

It was some blow.

It's an old proverb: "A rich idiot is a rich man, but a poor idiot is an idiot."

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